Draft Agenda

Monday 7 December 2015

9:30 – 10:15 am -- Opening session

☐ KEYNOTE ADDRESS by H.E. Mr. Alexander De Croo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Development Cooperation of Belgium

☐ Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS)

☐ Ambassador Riitta Resch, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

☐ Mr. Klaus Rudischhauser, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission

10:30 am – 1 pm -- Session 1: Towards the Midterm Review of the Istanbul Programme of Action

☐ Presentation by Mr. Gyan C. Acharya, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, UN-OHRLLS, on global preparations

☐ Statement by Bangladesh representative as Chair of LDC Group

☐ Interactive debate.

1-3 pm Lunch break

3 – 6 pm -- Session 2: Implementing the Istanbul Programme of Action at the national level

☐ Presentations by National Focal Points: summary of national midterm review reports, including strategies for graduation from the LDC category by 2020 (5-7 minutes max.);

☐ Interactive debate.
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- Presentations by National Focal Points: summary of national midterm review reports, including strategies for graduation from the LDC category by 2020 (5-7 minutes max.)
- Interactive debate.

1-3 pm Lunch break

3 - 5 pm – Session 3: Exchange of views with European Commission on development cooperation in support of LDCs
- Presentation by Ms Chiara Perdicca, International Aid/Cooperation Officer, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission, on EU policies and activities in Southern Africa
- Questions and Answers
- Break out groups on sub-regional basis to exchange experiences

5:00 – 6:00 pm -- Closing session

EVENING PROGRAMME
6:30 pm – Reception offered by the Government of Belgium in honor of the LDC National Focal Points
Address: Permanent Mission of Belgium to the E.U. located at Rue de la Loi / wetstraat, 61-63 - Brussels